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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Werner BECHERER
NETWORK HAVING A NUMBER OF NODES, AND NODES FOR A
NETWORK OF THIS TYPE
Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT
Our Ref. Q75833

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising sixteen (16) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and three (3) sheets of drawings. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) and ten (10) references. **The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE02/00080, filed January 14, 2002, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>16</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u></u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>5</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>2</u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$168.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$750.00</u>
TOTAL FEE									<u>\$918.00</u>

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 is attached. The Office is hereby directed and authorized to charge the Excess Claim Fee of \$168.00 to Deposit Account 19-4880. Furthermore, the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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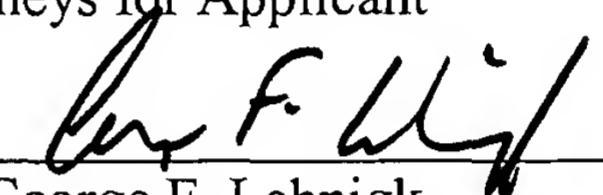
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Germany	101 01 805.3	January 17, 2001

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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